

KIT Program Back to School information for 2023-24 school year

The **Everett Public Schools KIT (Kids In Transition)** program implements two federal mandated public school support programs: the *McKinney-Vento Education Act* and the Foster Education program through the *Every Student Succeeds Act*. We coordinate support for eligible children and youth to continue their education without interruption or barriers. Students who are in an eligible temporary living situation due to economic circumstances, foster care, or other crisis situations, have certain rights and protections under federal law. We are excited about the start of the 23-24 school year and hope that the following information will help serve as a helpful guide.

Address, Housing Changes, and Communication Updates

Please view our ["Stay Connected" webpage](#) for communication from the district.

Make sure that your contact information is current with your student's school, if your address or contact information changes, let school staff know, and discuss the KIT program with your building support staff. Good communication with the school is critical to ensure that your student(s) receives appropriate services and support to successfully enroll and engage in school. **For more information, please contact your building's KIT support staff**, school counselor, or the KIT office directly at 425-385-4032 or email KIToffice@everettsd.org.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

Meals at school are available at no cost for all KIT students. Students may enter their student ID number just like any other student to get their meals. To find out the menu for breakfast and lunch visit our ["My School Menus" website](#).

CALENDAR

Our [2023-24 calendar is available online](#) or can be downloaded for your convenience here:

[2023-24 At-a-Glance Calendar](#) (pdf) | [Calendario 2023-24 de un vistazo en español](#) (pdf)

First day of school for most students: Wednesday September 6, 2023.

First day of school for Kindergarten: Monday September 11, 2023.

First day of school for ECEAP and Developmental Preschool: Monday September 18, 2023.

Winter break: December 18-January 1

Spring break: April 1-5

CLOTHING/SHOES

Please visit your school office to get a *Clothes for Kids* referral form for the 23-24 school year and/or get signed up for the *Operation School Bell* field trip. Shoes or shoe gift cards may also be available for KIT students. Ask your school counselor to request this from the KIT department or the PTA shoe fund.

COVID SAFETY

Masks - Students and staff will have the choice to wear a mask at school, with the expectation that others' choices will be respected. If you need assistance getting masks or other personal protection equipment (PPE), please let us know. For School Related COVID resources and information please visit <https://www.everettsd.org/domain/4908>.

SCHOOL HOURS

Please visit our [school hours webpage](#) for individual school arrival and dismissal times. [Summer information about schools](#) Go to your school's homepage for easy access to their summer hours, supply lists, summer program dates and more. Click headline for links to school homepages.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School supplies are available through the school offices for EPS KIT students. Eligible students can pick up their supplies in the school offices. Call your student's school for more information. Please visit our [supply lists webpage](#) for a link to school supply lists by school.

SPORTS/ACTIVITIES/CLASS FEES/FIELD TRIPS

The KIT program *may* provide assistance for eligible students to access school-related activities, *after all other resources are exhausted**. For example, if there are scholarships or funds available at the school for all students that qualify for free/reduced meals, those are accessed first. Any remaining amount may be determined as covered by the KIT program on a case-by-case basis. Dances and school pictures are not covered through KIT but there may be resources at your child's school for these. **The KIT program does not pay for out of state field trips or for activities that are not related to Everett Public Schools-such as daycare or community sports teams. We may be able to connect you with outside agencies too, so it never hurts to ask.*

- **Saturday August 12th, [FREE sports physicals offered at Everett High School from 9am-1pm.](#)**
- **Students grades 6-12 who are eligible for free or reduced meals are also eligible for a waiver of fees for athletics, ASB Clubs, dance and theater admissions. Complete [this consent form](#) and return it to your student's school office.**

TECHNOLOGY TOOLS

[CANVAS](#) - Canvas is a learning management system (Canvas LMS) that equips teachers and students with a dynamic, easily accessible content portal. Parents/caregivers may use the Canvas Parent App to keep track of their students' classes in Canvas. Please visit our [Technology webpage](#) for more information and to view frequently asked questions.

TRANSPORTATION

K-12 students who live more than a half-mile radius from school are eligible to ride a school bus. To find your school and bus route please visit the Transportation [webpage](#). If you are staying outside of the regular school boundaries, you may be eligible for transportation through our KIT program. Contact the KIT office to make sure our information is up to date and to request transportation for your student: 425-385-4032, press "0" for the KIT office. Or email KIToffice@everettsd.org with your student's name, ID number if you have it, and updated information for your student.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your student's eligibility for KIT Support, please feel free to call, write, or email. We will be happy to assist you in any way possible.

Happy (*almost*) new school year!

Sincerely,

Everett Public Schools KIT Office
425-385-4032, press "0"
KIToffice@everettsd.org

Students who are in Foster Care may also access supports at www.treehouseforkids.org.

Visit the KIT website at www.everettsd.org/KIT to find out more or for resources.